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Testimony for the Appropriations Hearing/Department of Housing/February 17, 2017

Senator Osten, Senator Formica, Representative Walker,

Representative Ziobron and Members of the Committee.

My name is Jessica Shaw. I am the mother of Jezabella Shaw, she is my 3 year old daughter.

We live together at the FISH Homeless Shelter in Torrington, CT.

I have full custody of her.

I am struggling with temp jobs through Kelly Services and other temp agencies, but typically my income is \$365.00 for me and my baby.

My immediate family is deceased. They are buried in Hillside Cemetery in Terryville, CT.

I have no one to help me. I am a single mom.

I have been fleeing domestic violence.

I am not addicted to drugs.

Because of the abuse I suffered , and the loss of my family, and have been diagnosed with PTSD.

I need the FISH Homeless Shelter.

Sincerely,

Jessica Shaw
FISH Shelter Resident